

2026-2027 Application Preview

Thank you for your interest in Youth Leadership!

To help you prepare for the online application process, we've created this preview of the questions included in the application. This document is designed to give you the opportunity to thoughtfully reflect on your responses before completing the official form.

How to Use This Document:

- Review each question carefully.
- Take time to reflect and draft your responses.
- When ready, complete your online application [here](#).

Application Overview

The online application consists of five sections:

Step 1 of 5: Applicant Information

- You will be asked to provide your basic contact information.

Step 2 of 5: Demographic Information

- This section helps us understand the diverse backgrounds of our applicants. Your responses are confidential.

Step 3 of 5: School Information

- You will be asked to provide information on your High School.

Step 4 of 5: Application Questions

- Please answer each question in a minimum of five sentences. Take your time to provide thoughtful and detailed responses that help us get to know you, your interests, and your leadership potential. We want to understand why you are interested in this program, how you view leadership, and how you connect with our values.

Use specific examples from your experiences to support your answers. Your responses will help us determine if this program is the right fit for you, so be authentic and share as much as you can!

- Why are you interested in joining Youth Leadership, and what do you hope to gain from this experience?
- What does leadership mean to you, and how have you demonstrated leadership in your school, community, or personal life?
- Leadership Buffalo's core values are Inclusion, Service, Partnership, Community Impact, Growth, and Connection. Which of these values resonates with you the most, and why?
- Tell us about a challenge you have faced and how you worked through it. What did you learn from the experience?
- What are your personal or career goals for the future, and how do you think Youth Leadership Buffalo can help you achieve them?

Step 5 of 5: Financial Assistance (Optional)

- If you are requesting financial aid, please be prepared to answer the following:
 - What is your projected gross family income for 2025?
 - What amount of financial aid are you requesting?
 - What is your projected gross family income for 2025?
 - How many people does your family income support?
 - Do you have any other sources of funding or sponsorship opportunities?
 - How do you plan to fund the remaining program cost?
 - Is there any additional information you would like to provide regarding your financial situation?

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at 716.849.2626 or LB@leadershipbuffalo.org

We look forward to learning more about you! Thank you for your commitment to making Buffalo a stronger, more connected community.